

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 532

Administrative practice and procedure, Freedom of information, Government employees, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Wages.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

Accordingly, the Office of Personnel Management is amending 5 CFR part 532 as follows:

PART 532—PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS**Subpart E—Premium Pay and Differentials**

1. The authority citation for part 532 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5343.

2. Appendix A to subpart E of part 532 is amended by adding a new

category to the schedule of environmental differentials at the end of Part II of the appendix to read as follows:

Appendix A to Subpart E of Part 532—Schedule of Environmental Differentials Paid for Exposure to Various Degrees of Hazards, Physical Hardships, and Working Conditions of an Unusual Nature

PART II.—PAYMENT ON BASIS OF HOURS IN PAY STATUS

| Differential rate (percent) | Category for which payable | Effective date |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------|
| 8 | 17. <i>Working at high altitudes.</i> Performing work at a land-based work site more than 3900 meters (12,795 feet) in altitude, provided the employee is required to commute to the work site on the same day from a substantially lower altitude under circumstances in which the rapid change in altitude may result in acclimation problems. | April 2, 1999. |

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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD**5 CFR Part 1200****Board Organization**

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB or the Board) is amending its organization and functions statement to reflect a change in responsibilities for performance of its human resources management functions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 2, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert E. Taylor, Clerk of the Board, (202) 653-7200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective September 28, 1998, the Board entered into a cross-servicing arrangement with APHIS Business Services (ABS), a unit of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, under which ABS provides most human resources management services to MSPB. The MSPB Financial and Administrative Management Division (FAMD) administers the cross-servicing arrangement with ABS and has direct responsibility for certain personnel functions, including policy, training, drug testing, and the Employee Assistance Program. FAMD also administers the cross-servicing arrangement with USDA's National Finance Center (NFC) for accounting and payroll services. The NFC continues to process personnel actions, which are now entered by ABS. This amendment

to 5 CFR part 1200 reflects these changes by removing all references to the Human Resources Management Division and by revising the description of FAMD functions.

The Board is publishing this rule as a final rule pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1204(h).

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 1200

Organization and functions (Government agencies).

Accordingly, the Board amends 5 CFR part 1200, subpart B, as follows:

PART 1200—[AMENDED]**Subpart B—Offices of the Board—[Amended]**

1. The authority citation for part 1200, subpart B, continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 1204(h) and (j).

2. Section 1200.10 is amended by removing paragraph (a)(9) in its entirety, by redesignating paragraph (a)(10) as paragraph (a)(9), by removing paragraph (b)(9) in its entirety, by redesignating paragraph (b)(10) as paragraph (b)(9), and by revising paragraph (b)(8) to read as follows:

§ 1200.10 Staff Organizations and Functions.

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(8) *Financial and Administrative Management Division.* The Financial and Administrative Management Division administers the budget, procurement, property management, physical security, and general services functions of the Board. It develops and coordinates internal management programs and projects, including review of internal controls agencywide. It performs certain personnel functions,

including policy, training, drug testing, and the Employee Assistance Program. It also administers the agency's cross-servicing arrangements with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Finance Center for accounting, payroll, and personnel action processing services and with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's APHIS Business Services for most human resources management services.

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Dated: March 26, 1999.

Robert E. Taylor,

Clerk of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service****7 CFR Part 301**

[Docket No. 98-113-2]

Pine Shoot Beetle; Addition to Quarantined Areas

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that amended the pine shoot beetle regulations to add 19 counties in Indiana, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia to the list of quarantined areas. This action was necessary to prevent the spread of